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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1604

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOS US UN SF WA

SUBJ: BRIEFING OF SWAPO ON SECOND ROUND OF CAPE TOWN TALKS

REF: USUN 1758; STATE 129596

CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER, ACTING ON BEHALF OF LOCAL CONTACT GROUP, BRIEFED SWAPO JUNE 7. SWAPO WAS REPRESENTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY MOSES GAROEB, PETER NANYEMBA, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, JOHN YA OTTO, LABOR SECRETARY AND HIDIPO HAMUTENYA. QUESTION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS WAS HANDLED IN BRIEFING BY A COMPROMISE FORMULA WORKED OUT LOCALLY: "WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO SOUTH AFRICA THAT ALL NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS MUST BE RELEASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 385, INCLUDING THOSE  
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WHO MIGHT BE HELD OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA." SPECIFIC SWAPO COMMENTS AFTER BRIEFING, AS REPORTED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

---SWAPO HAD HEARD THAT CONTACT GROUP INTENDS TO VISIT NAMIBIA AGAIN. SAM NUJOMA HAD MADE CLEAR IN HIS WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT SWAPO OBJECTS TO SUCH VISITS AND QUESTIONS WHY VISIT SHOULD TAKE PLACE.

---TALKS WILL BE FUTILE AS LONG AS NAMIBIANS ARE HELD,  
TRIED, AND EXECUTED IN WINDHOEK.

---SWAPO HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT CONTACT GROUP IS ATTEMPTING  
TO PUT SWAPO ON PAR WITH TURNHALLE POLITICAL GROUPS. IT  
SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE IS MATTER FOR  
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SWAPO, SAG AND UN ONLY. SWAPO REPS  
PUSHED THEIR CASE FOR SWAPO BEING THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REP  
OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE ON BASIS OF SC RES 385 IN A LOW KEY  
MANNER.

---THERE APPEARS TO BE NO CLEAR DEFINITION OF WHEN SAG  
SECURITY FORCES ARE TO BE WITHDRAWN. SWAPO HAS MADE CLEAR  
THAT SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL MUST TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE END  
OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

---RE POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD OUTSIDE NAMIBIA AND SOUTH  
AFRICA, SWAPO REPS RECALLED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME HELD IN  
ANGOLA AT ONE TIME.

---SWAPO DOES NOT OBJECT TO CAPE TOWN CONTACT GROUP BRIEFING  
NAMIBIAN GROUPS OTHER THAN SWAPO. THE CURRENT MEETING IN  
PRETORIA OF TURNHALLE GROUP WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY  
FOR SUCH A BRIEFING. BRIEFING OF INTERNAL SWAPO SHOULD  
BE LEFT TO SWAPO HEADQUARTERS (EXTERNAL).

---IS THE CONTACT GROUP TRYING TO CREATE DIVERSE POLITICAL  
ENTITIES WITHIN NAMIBIA? THERE ARE MANY SUCH GROUPS IN  
ZIMBABWE BUT NOT IN NAMIBIA.  
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